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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-39 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 28 and 36-39, drawn to a process comprising extracting a raw extract from *Emblica officinalis*, the improvement comprising conducting the extraction under conditions of time, temperature and atmosphere and/or ionic strength to inhibit the formation of black specks and/or oligomeric and/or polymeric tannins and/or oxidation products thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- II. Claims 3, 4 and 29, drawn to a process comprising extracting a raw extract from *Emblica officinalis*, the improvement comprising conducting the extraction under conditions of time, temperature and atmosphere to inhibit the formation of black specks and/or oligomeric and/or polymeric tannins and/or oxidation products thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- III. Claims 5-18, drawn to a process comprising enriching an extract of *Emblica officinalis* comprising the steps of (A) and (B), classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- IV. Claim 19, drawn to an extract of *Emblica officinalis* produced by the process of Claim 1, classified in class 424, subclass 725.

- V. Claim 20, drawn to an extract of Emblica officinalis produced by the process of Claim 2, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- VI. Claims 21 and 22, drawn to an extract of Emblica officinalis produced by the process of Claim 5 or Claim 6, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- VII. Claims 23, 24, 26, 27 and 32-35, drawn to a powdered composition of Emblica officinalis, the improvement wherein said composition is macroscopically substantially to completely devoid of black specks, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- VIII. Claim 25, drawn to a powdered composition of Emblica officinalis- the improvement wherein the composition contains at least 75% by weight of bio-active low molecular weight hydrolysable tannins, classified in class 424, subclass 725 or class 560, subclass 68, for example.
- IX. Claim 30, drawn to an extract produced by the process of claim 28, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- X. Claim 31, drawn to a dried composition produced in accordance with the process of Claim 29, classified in class 424, subclass 725.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I-III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the three different groups are directed to three different inventions

because the three methods comprise different process steps and different experimental parameters in the making of three different end products.

Inventions I-III and IV-X are related as process of making and product made.

The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process as evidenced by the claims themselves.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for one Group is not required for another Group, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michele Flood whose telephone number is 571-272-0964. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on 571-272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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